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TAGSA: ETRN, BEXP

SUBJ: ALLEGHENY AIRCRAFT SALE

REF: STATE A-8814

1. ANGOLAN INTERNAL AIRLINE, TAAG, IS INTERESTED IN MORE
DETAILS ALLEGHENY PLANE SALES DESCRIBED REPAIR. SPECIFICALLY
TAAG SAYS IT POSSIBLE IN MARKET FOR TWO (2) 227B, AIRCRAFT
WE ASSUME ALMOST IDENTICAL TO ITS PRESENT F-27S.

2. TAAG WANTS PRICES, SPECIFICATIONS ASAP. PLEASE CABLE
CONGEN PRELIMINARY INFO SOONEST, WHEREUPON WE SHALL ENCOURAGE
TAAG TO CONTACT ALLEGHENY DIRECTLY, PER REPAIR. (FYI. GERMAN
CONSULATE HERE DEEPLY INVOLVED FOKKER EFFORT SO FAR UNSUCCESS-
FUL SELL TAAG F-28. BRITISH CONSULATE TO LESSER DEGREE PART
OF PARALLEL EFFORT SELL BAC-111. TAAG WILL EXPECT US TO
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PERFORM SIMILARLY.)

3. COMMENT: TAAG FLEET EXPANSION MATTER OF LOCAL INTEREST
AND IS COMPLICATED BY RECENT CHANGE IN ITS OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE
AND ANGOLA'S BALPA SITUATION. ASSUME THAT PURCHASE OF
ALLEGHENY AIRCRAFT NOW WOULD BE ECONOMICAL "STOPGAP"
IN VIEW FACT TAAG NEGOTIATING WITH BOEING TO ACQUIRE 737S
(OR 727S) IN 1975. WHEN LOOKING AT ALLEGHENY PROPOSAL,
TAAG WILL WEIGH HEAVILY DEGREE COMPATIBILITY PRESENT AIRCRAFT
WITH 227B(S).
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